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Attorney Docket No. 13971US04

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Jamie Grooms et al.)
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Serial No. 09/905,683)
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For: MULTI-COMPONENT CORTICAL)
BONE ASSEMBLED IMPLANT)
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Examiner: Bruce Edward Snow)
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Group Art Unit: 3738)
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Confirmation No.: 4376)

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Dear Sir:

Appellants hereby submit a copy of Information Disclosure documents and references filed June 21, 2007 in the present application, now under appeal, to disclose references cited in two European Search Reports relating to the parent of the present application.


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Pending the outcome of the appeal, appellants believe this paper and enclosures are entitled to consideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: June 21, 2007


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- * A completed PTO form SB/08A.
- * A copy of the European Search Report for EP application, No. 06017260 corresponding to the parent of the above application.
- * A copy of the European Search Report for EP application, No. 06017261 corresponding to the parent of the above application.

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- * A copy of each foreign reference listed in the accompanying Search Reports that has not previously been provided by or to the PTO in this application.
- * A concise explanation under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)(i) of the relevance of each foreign-language, non-translated patent or published application. See the enclosed Attachment A.

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REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION

This paper and enclosures are believed to be entitled to consideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, based on the facts stated above.

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ATTACHMENT A:

**CONCISE EXPLANATIONS OF FOREIGN-LANGUAGE,
NON-TRANSLATED PATENTS OR PUBLISHED APPLICATIONS****FR 2724312**

A spacer, designed to be inserted between two adjacent vertebrae to re-establish anatomically the correct gap between them, consists of at least one element formed from a rigid or slightly resilient vertical wall open at the top and bottom to allow it to be filled with bone tissue, and shaped so that it can be inserted between two vertebrae without major mechanical intervention. The upper and lower edges of the spacer elements have points or are roughened to ensure that they anchor into the bones of the vertebrae, and their walls are shaped to make the elements broader and deeper at the front than at the back. The spacer elements are made in one piece by machining or molding e.g. from a titanium alloy with or without a coating, a polymer or other biocompatible radio-transparent material or a polymer with microelasticity which promotes bone fusion.



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	2	5728159	B1	1998-03-17	Rainey, Thomas P. et al.	
	3	3848601	B1	1974-11-19	Ma, G. et al.	
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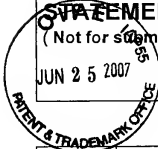
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1	WO 9725945	WO	A	1997-07-24	Grivas, Nicholas E. et al.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	WO 9817209	WO	B1	1998-04-30	Hoeck, James E. Van	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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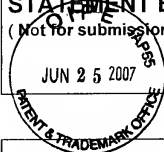
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- ☐ See attached certification statement.
- ☒ Fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 (p) has been submitted herewith.
- ☐ None

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A signature of the applicant or representative is required in accordance with CFR 1.33, 10.18. Please see CFR 1.4(d) for the form of the signature.

Signature		Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	2007-06-21
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